

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 793

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A RESOLUTION to honor Donald A. "Donnie" Walters for his service to American Legion Herbert Griffin Post 19 and American Legion Post 19 baseball.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennesseans who have distinguished themselves as patriots and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Donald A. "Donnie" Walters of Spring Hill, who has served as a member of the American Legion Herbert Griffin Post 19 in Columbia for sixty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, born on September 11, 1931, in the Theta community of Maury County, Mr. Walters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bracken Walters; he graduated from Spring Hill High School and joined the United States Navy, proudly serving his country during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after returning from the Navy, Mr. Walters went to work for South Central Bell, known as "Ma Bell", in Columbia; one of his first assignments was to install dialers on the phones of downtown Columbia businesses. He retired from South Central Bell in 1987 after thirty years of assiduous service; and

WHEREAS, Donnie Walters became a member of American Legion Herbert Griffin Post 19 in 1954; he has served as financial officer since 1987 and is known by his fellow Legion members as Mr. Biscuit Man, as he is in charge of biscuits at the Legion ham breakfast; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters has served as Post 19 American Legion Baseball chairman since 1956; he has always had a special place in his heart for American Legion Baseball, and his proudest moment was seeing the 2007 Post 19 team win the American Legion World Series; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his love of baseball, Donnie Walters is an avid hunter, preferring dove and quail hunting; he spends his summers at Columbia State Community College watching Post 19 baseball and his autumns dove and quail hunting; and

WHEREAS, a happily married father of two daughters, Mr. Walters expresses his faith as a longtime member of Riverside Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran who proudly served his country during the Korean War, Mr. Walters epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-eight years, Donnie Walters has demonstrated his faithful allegiance to the mission of the American Legion, serving as a member in good standing and an outstanding contributor to its programs, and he is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Donald A. "Donnie" Walters for his service to the American Legion Herbert Griffin Post 19 and American Legion Post 19 baseball and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.